

Music arranger Johnny Yim to host Canto-pop lecture series: "Arranger's Point of View"

Local renowned pop music arranger Johnny Yim will host a three-lecture series on Canto-pop music entitled "Arranger's Point of View" in August.

Yim will take an arranger's perspective to review the development and evolution of Canto-pop from the 1980s to the present, and through music appreciation with demonstrations to explain the musical characteristics of Canto-pop. Yim will also collaborate with lyricist Betty Kan in the third lecture to discuss the lyrics of Canto-pop, leading the audience to experience the wonderful fusion of pop music and culture.

All of the lectures, to be conducted in Cantonese, will be held at 7.30pm at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Details are as follows:

August 11 (Wednesday)

Topic: "The 1980s and 1990s: The Golden Age of Canto-Pop"

August 18 (Wednesday)

Topic: "From the 2000s: The Evolution of Canto-Pop"

August 25 (Wednesday)

Topic: "The Charm of Canto-Pop through Lyrics and Music Arrangement"

Yim started his career in the Hong Kong pop music industry after graduation from Canada. His breakthrough came in 2004 when he won first prize in the 16th CASH Song Writers Quest. Since then, he has produced hundreds of hits that were young audiences' favourites, for which he has been dubbed the "BAP man" (Best Arranger-Producer) of the local pop scene.

Kan is a lyricist, writer, pop culturalist and food blogger. She has collaborated with local pop singers including Alan Tam, Kenny Bee, Kelly Chen, Shirley Kwan, Gin Lee, Pakho Chau and Hana Kuk. She is currently a full-time creative artist and column writer.

The Canto-Pop Lecture Series: "Arranger's Point of View" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$100 for each lecture (with free seating) are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1168.html.